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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your district for the Year 1965.

The Vital Statistics do not compare very favourably with those of the previous year or with the County as a whole.

The Birth rate is a little lower. The Infant mortality rate is very much higher and is about the same as in 1962. There were seven infant deaths as against three last year. Of these deaths four died from prematurity; one from Hyperglycaemia associated with prematurity; one from asphyxia and one from respiratory failure associated with hydrocephalus. All except one died within hours of birth—the exception died aged two days. All died in Hospital.

The Still Birth Rate is lower than last year.

The Death Rate is lower. There were one hundred and ninety-seven deaths as against two hundred and twenty: of these one hundred and ninety-seven deaths more than half reached the age of 70 years, fifty three died aged 70-80; forty-five—80-90; three were over 90 and one attained the age of 100.

I regret to have to report one maternal death. This young woman of 28 years died one month after child birth due to pulmonary embolism due in turn to pelvic vein thrombosis.

The number of deaths from Cancer of all parts of the body decreased from forty to thirty-one. This is the lowest for a number of years. Cases of lung cancer were seven as compared with ten last year. The link between this type of cancer and cigarette smoking is being even more forcibly emphasised but still the number of cigarettes smoked is increasing. Some more convincing evidence will have to be produced before people give up this comforting habit.

There were eighty-seven deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system. This number keeps fairly constant over the years. There were five deaths from pneumonia as against six last year. Bronchitis claimed twelve deaths—16 last year.

There were no notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis. This is the first year this has ever happened. There was only one last year which itself was a record.

During the visit of the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit 972 people were X-rayed. Details are given later in the report.

B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis was continued in Senior Schools as in previous years, with satisfactory results. I would again like to thank all head teachers for their excellent co-operation.

Notification of infectious diseases totalled four hundred and thirty-nine—three hundred and fifty-five of which were accounted for by Measles. There were forty-two cases of Scarlet Fever as against

twenty-four in 1964. There was quite an increase in Whooping Cough notifications thirty-one as against two last year. Not one case of dysentery was notified.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis by the oral method continues to be carried out in the infant schools. This is offered to the pre-School child in clinics and General Practitioner's Surgeries. Combined Diphtheria and Tetanus injections are similarly carried out. Immunisation with triple vaccine against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is carried out in infancy at Clinics and General Practitioner's Surgeries. Smallpox vaccine is now done in the 2nd year of life.

Meals on Wheels continue to be supplied to twenty-four people of pensionable age, twice per week. The third hot lock has not yet unfortunately been brought into use. Lack of the supply of drivers is the main drawback.

The Chiropody Service continues to function satisfactorily. It was extended from one session per week to twice per week in June owing to the large number of people requiring treatment. At the end of the year there were 270 people on the waiting list and the number of treatments was 496. It is still provided for people of pensionable age only. It is a much appreciated service.

A club for the Physically Handicapped was started in February. The W.V.S. are responsible for it, and it is running very successfully. There are forty-four members.

In April, Anthrax was suspected and confirmed at the Knacker's Yard. Five carcasses were burned under police supervision. The man working with the animals was kept under supervision until all danger had passed.

The report on the Sewage works at Tudhoe Mill is substantially the same as last year. We now await the enquiry to the proposed extensions and improvements by the Ministry.

One hundred and four houses were erected during the year. Seventy-seven of these were built by the Council. The remainder, twenty-seven, were by private persons.

I would once again like to acknowledge the consideration and courtesy shown to me by my Council and express my thanks to all members of the Health Department for another year's good work.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

Jo. M. HEGARTY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Spennymoor,
July, 1966.

Population

The Registrar General's figure calculated to the middle of 1965 gives the resident population of the District as 18,650. This figure represents a reduction of 170 on the previous year and a decrease of 290 on the 1939 figure.

The approximate population of the various Wards in the District has been assessed as follows :—

Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	4,047
Low Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	1,445
Middlestone Moor Ward	...	...	...	3,469
Kirk Merrington Ward	...	...	...	933
Byers Green Ward	...	...	...	1,081
Tudhoe Ward	...	...	...	7,675
Total Population				18,650

Area

The District covers, 7,543 acres and includes the villages of Middlestone Moor, Byers Green and Kirk Merrington, with an acreage of :—

Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	1,134
Low Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	329
Middlestone Moor Ward	...	...	...	1,215
Kirk Merrington Ward	...	...	...	1,822
Byers Green Ward	...	...	...	1,130
Tudhoe Ward	...	...	...	1,913
Total Acreage				7,543

Inhabited Houses

The estimated number of inhabited houses in the District according to our records at the end of December, 1965, was 6,143.

Rateable Value

The Rateable Value of the District on 1st April, 1965 was £467,684.

Product of a Penny Rate

The product of a penny rate on 1st April, 1965, was £1,870. 0s. 0d.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1965 WITH COMPARISONS OF THE PRE-WAR AND POST-WAR PERIODS.

Births 1965

<i>Live Births :—</i>				Male	Female	Total	Standard Birth Rate
Legitimate ...	...	...	139	118	257	} 14.72	
Illegitimate ...	...	...	6	9	15		
				<u>145</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>272</u>	
				<u><u>145</u></u>	<u><u>127</u></u>	<u><u>272</u></u>	
<i>Still Births :—</i>				Male	Female	Total	Standard Birth Rate
Legitimate ...	...	...	5	3	8	} 0.432	
Illegitimate ...	...	...	—	—	—
				<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	
				<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>8</u></u>	

For comparative purposes the crude rates are given for the three previous years and for the three years immediately prior to the War :—
(as from 1963 the Standard Rate is shown).

Year.	Live Births.	Still Births.	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.	
			Live Births.	Still Births.
1936	271	18	17.50	1.17
1937	318	16	17.20	0.86
1938	319	9	16.50	0.46
1962	310	5	16.23	0.261
1963	328	4	17.44	0.210
1964	291	9	15.56	0.482

Extracts from National Statistics are given for comparative purposes :—

	<i>Spennymoor District.</i>	<i>Durham County.</i>	<i>England and Wales.</i>
Live Births per 1,000 pop.	14.72	18.1	18.1
Still Births per 1,000 live and still births	28.85	18.9	15.7
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	31.13	20.57	19.0
Neo-natal Mortality per 1,000 live births ...	31.13	14.1	13.0
Perinatal Mortality per 1,000 total live and still births	64.81	30.7	26.9
Maternal Mortality ...	4.31	0.22	0.25

Deaths 1965

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate.
Deaths ...	104	93	197	12.78
Infant Mortality	4	3	7	31.133 per 1,000 Live Births.

Pre-War and Post-War periods are enumerated for comparison.

1936	Deaths	193 deaths giving a rate of 12.16 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	21	„	„	77.50 per 1,000 Births.
1937	Deaths	236 deaths giving a rate of 12.80 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	24	„	„	75.47 per 1,000 Births.
1938	Deaths	239 deaths giving a rate of 12.30 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	19	„	„	53.03 per 1,000 Births.
1962	Deaths	201 deaths giving a rate of 10.52 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	5	„	„	31.74 per 1,000 Births.
1963	Deaths	237 deaths giving a rate of 15.23 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	14	„	„	52.06 per 1,000 Births.
1964	Deaths	220 deaths giving a rate of 14.15 per 1,000 pop.			
	Infant Mortality	3	„	„	22.56 per 1,000 Births.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
All Causes	104	93
Tuberculosis, respiratory system	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	1
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other infective and parasitic disease	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	—
Diabetes	—	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	15
Coronary disease, angina	31	23
Hypertension with heart disease	—	2
Other heart disease	10	11
Other circulatory disease	3	7
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	4	1
Bronchitis	8	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	1
Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	—	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—
Hyper-plasia of prostate	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	1
Congenital malformations	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	6
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	1	—
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—

Heart and other circulatory diseases account for 43.75% of the total number of deaths, an increase of 2.85% over the previous year.

Deaths according to Age Groups

	—1	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 and over.	Total all Ages.
Males	4	—	1	1	1	3	5	26	26	37	104
Females	3	1	—	—	1	1	3	19	21	44	93
											<u>197</u>

TUBERCULOSIS 1965

The following cases remained on the Register at the end of the year :—

	Pulmonary.	Non Pulmonary.
Males	66	18
Females	41	24
	<u>107</u>	<u>42</u>

The above figures represent a reduction of three pulmonary cases on the previous year.

The number of deaths represents 1.34% of the cases on the register.

The number of known Tuberculosis cases in the District represents .79% of the population, this being .04% below last year's figure.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT

Summary of Statistical Information—Spennymoor Survey

	Male.	Female.	Total.
No. x-rayed	468	504	972
No. referred to Chest Clinic	7	2	9

ABNORMALITIES REVEALED.

Ind. Pul. Fibrosis	...	...	3
Pneumoconiosis	...	...	1
Pul. Fibrosis	...	...	1
Bronchiectasis	...	...	1
Paralysis L. Phrenic Nerve	...	...	1
No Abnormality discovered	...	...	2

SUMMARY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATIONS

Age Group.	Under 1 yr.	1+	3+	5+	10+	15+	25 years & over.
Scarlet Fever ...	—	6	14	20	2	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	7	13	8	—	—	—
Measles ...	21	98	104	124	7	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Erysipelas ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

Tuberculosis

MALES

Pulmonary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

FEMALES

Pulmonary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

<i>Disease.</i>							<i>Cases notified.</i>
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	355
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Erysipelas...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than TUBERCULOSIS) during 1965

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.
Scarlet Fever ...	5	—	12	7	1	1	5	4	2	—	3	2	42
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	1	—	1	5	6	6	4	8	—	—	31
Measles ...	54	76	54	55	49	30	25	6	1	4	1	—	355
Tuberculosis Non. Pul. ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	4
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
MONTHLY TOTALS ...	59	77	67	64	51	38	39	16	7	13	5	3	439

NOTIFICATIONS BY WARDS (CIVILIAN)

Disease	Spenny-moor	Low Spenny-moor	Middle-stone moor	Byers Green	Kirk Merrington	Tudhoe	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	10	14	7	2	—	9	42
Whooping Cough ...	8	2	5	1	—	15	31
Measles ...	88	72	65	3	8	119	355
Tuberculosis Non. Pul.	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Pneumonia ...	1	1	—	—	—	2	4
Erysipelas ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
TOTALS ...	110	91	78	6	8	146	439

The following particulars have been supplied by the County Authority of immunisation work relating to the Area for the year under review :—

Diphtheria Immunisation :

No case of diphtheria was notified during the year.

Primary Injection	Reinforcing Injection
238	154

Whooping Cough Immunisation :

Primary Injection.	Reinforcing Injection.
196	68

Tetanus Injections :

Primary Injection.	Reinforcing Injection.
255	99

Smallpox Vaccination :

Primary Vaccination.	Revaccination.
97	7

Poliomyelitis Vaccination :

No case of poliomyelitis was notified during the year.

Primary Injection.	Third Oral.
338	178

B.C.G. Vaccination :

242 children were Heaf Tested.

11 children were Positive.

224 children were Negative.

223 children were Vaccinated.

(All figures relate to children of 16 years and under).

Home Help :

New cases served during the year	...	...	...	...	58
Total number of cases provided with home help during the year	...	...	...	...	171
Cases terminated during the year	...	...	...	...	43
Cases receiving the service at 31st December, 1965	...	...	...	...	138

**The Chairman and Members
of the Spennymoor Urban District Council.**

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

It is my pleasure and duty to report to you upon the work of your public health inspectors during the Year 1965. This information is summarised and tabulated in the following pages.

The Council's Housing programme has continued at almost the same speed as the previous year, there being a slight increase in the number of houses erected by the Council and the output of private building was negligible. New housing, however, was not confined to one site, it was distributed over three wards, namely, Spennymoor, Tudhoe and Byers Green, and active steps were being taken to replace the seventy-two permanent prefabricated bungalows in Middlestone Moor Ward with factory fabricated houses and bungalows. The first steps to implement this decision have already been taken with the vacation of twelve Lyne Road bungalows in preparation of demolition.

The number of housing relets received appears to becoming stabilised and a welcome sign that the flow of labour from the district to other areas is ceasing.

The work of Refuse and Salvage collections and disposal has been affected by the Council's negotiations to establish a central depot of services in the former Gas Board Yard in Thomas Street, and by arrangement the refuse vehicles were transferred for garaging to the Thomas Street premises in order to enable a displaced wholesale fruit merchant to be established in the former garage premises. Although the present arrangements are unsatisfactory, this is accepted as temporary and the forthcoming occupation of the whole Gas Yard should improve efficiency and supervision. No new vehicles have been purchased during year and considerable repairs and repainting have had to be carried out to the lorries and the bulldozer.

With the lifting of the Quota during the year by the Board Mills, we were able to increase our recovery of salvage and in consequence our sales were improved over the previous year, showing greater income. Fibreboard recovered from trade premises still remains our source of salvage; efforts made by the Council to extend our salvage collections to all domestic premises to provide a source of mixed waste paper for salvage was negatived by the staff, although it was proposed to operate a Salvage Bonus Scheme under which they would receive 50% of the income from the extra sales.

Refuse disposal has continued to be fairly satisfactory, almost all our refuse being disposed of at the Rock Road "Controlled" Tip. Our collaboration with the owner of this land enabled an application

to be made for Planning Permission for the extension of this tip into an adjoining field. This application was approved and the life of this refuse tip has, in consequence, been extended by another seventeen months. An appropriate notice will be served upon the tenant farmer of our new tipping site at Middlestone to enable the required drainage and fencing work to be carried out in sufficient time, before tipping of refuse commences.

Rodent Control by the Council Rodent Operator continues to be satisfactory and the number of surface infestations reported and effectively treated is again reduced.

Absence of outside staff through sickness and other causes continues to be a source of concern. During the year there has been a 50% increase in the time lost by the staff and with little spare labour available, it is often most difficult to maintain efficient cleansing and salvage arrangements. These absences are now well above the National figure.

Housing repairs in existing houses have continued to receive attention and food premises have also been regularly visited.

Meat Inspection, particularly at the wholesale slaughterhouse, has continued to absorb 50% of the available time of your public health inspectors and in consequence, this has caused less attention to other equally important duties which your Health Department are required to carry out. During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Regional Office, gave approval to the amendment of attendance times at the slaughterhouse for meat inspection to allow additional time to be available for other duties by your inspectors. This arrangement is operating and working satisfactorily.

May I conclude by thanking the Chairman and the Members of the Council for their interest and encouragement, also the Officers of the Council for their unfailing advice; to the Office Staff for methodical and efficient work also to the members of the Cleansing Staff without whose willing co-operation the work could not have been performed.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

M. W. SWALES,

M.R.S.H., A.M.I.P.H.E.

Health Department,

Town Hall,

Spennymoor.

July, 1966.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Summary of Notices served and work done in the Public Health Inspector's Department during the Year, 1965.

1. General Summary.

	No. of Inspec- tions.	No. of Informal Notices served.	No. of Statutory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Notice.
Housing :				
Public Health and Housing Acts ...	1,384	88	12	42
Overcrowding ...	739	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveni- ences :				
Insufficient ...	7	—	—	—
Defective ...	18	—	—	—
Drainage ...	314	273	—	—
Water Supply ...	11	1	—	—
Food Premises ...	309	9	—	—
Shops Act	—	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses				
Public ...	—	—	—	—
Private... ..	937	—	—	—
Dairies ...	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc	35	—	—	—
Offensive				
Accumulations	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	26	—	—	—
Prevention of				
Damage by Pests				
Act, 1949 ...	—	—	—	—
Factories and				
Workplaces ...	26	2	—	2
Other inspections	1,216	—	—	—
Total	5,022	373	12	44

Ashpit-privies converted into water-closets ...	...	...	—
Ash-closets converted into water-closets ...	...	...	22
Total number of water-closets in District ...	...	...	7,452
Total number of ash-closets in District ...	...	...	156
Total number of ash-pit privies in District ...	...	...	—

2. Closing and Demolition of Houses.

A. Formal Action.

(i) No. of houses demolished during year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action	70
(ii) No. of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action	—
(iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed ...	—
(iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation ...	—

B. Informal Action.

(i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above ...	—
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3. Reconditioning and Repair.

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts

(a) As a result of informal action	315
(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice	12
(c) By Local Authority in default of owners	—

4. Improvement Grants : Housing Act, 1958/64.

	<i>No. of separate houses</i>	
	<i>Discretionary Grant.</i>	<i>Standard Grant.</i>
(a) Applications submitted to Local Authority in the year	30	20
(b) Applications rejected by Local Authority in the year	—	—
(c) Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme	319	96
(d) Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme	288	89
(e) Number of dwellings improved in the year ...	25	16
(f) Number of dwellings improved since inception of scheme	291	88
(g) Amount paid in grants in the year	£5,037	£1,426
(h) Average grant per house in the year	£201	£89
(i) Amount paid in grants since inception of scheme	£102,619	£8,569
(j) Standard Grant: Amenities provided in the year		
(i) fixed bath	9	
(ii) shower	—	
(iii) wash hand basin	10	
(iv) hot water supply (to any fittings) ...	10	
(v) water closet (1) within dwelling ...	16	
(2) accessible from dwelling	—	
(vi) food store	10	

5. Tabular Statement for Year 1965.

	New Houses Completed During Year.	With State Assistance.	Unaided.	Total.
(a)	By Local Authority ...	77	—	77
(b)	By any other Housing Authority ...	—	—	—
(c)	By private persons ...	—	27	27

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received during the year for Certificates of Disrepair or the cancellation of existing certificates.

Certificates of Disrepair issued by the Urban District Council under the above Act since the date of operation, 6th July, 1957 to the 31st December, 1965.

Part I.—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

(1)	Number of applications for certificates	...	...	71
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	1
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	69
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	14
	(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	55
(4)	Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	34
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by local authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	—
(6)	Number of Certificates issued	...	...	35

Part II.—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates.

(7)	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	18
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	...	...	9
(9)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	...	...	—
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority...	...	...	9

Rodent Control:

The work of rodent control, surface properties and sewer treatments, are carried out by Mr. J. Welsh, under the supervision of the public health inspectors. Mr. Welsh is normally employed by the Highways Department of the Council and he carries out these Rodent Control duties on a part-time basis.

During the year there has been a reduction in the number of surface infestations inspected and treated, and agricultural holdings inspected proved negative. No major infestations of rats or mice have been investigated during the year by Mr. Welsh.

Rodent Control service is free to householders but occupiers of business premises and agricultural holdings are charged the operator's time, materials used, also an establishment charge, to cover overhead expenses, for work carried out at their respective premises. Although the availability of this service and the terms of its use has been brought to the notice of farmers in the district, the response has continued to be poor. The Council service is used regularly by certain business premises, including the wholesale slaughterhouse. The two knacker yards are serviced by specialist firms and the results appear to be satisfactory.

The following table indicates the work carried out by Mr. Welsh during the year 1965:—

Rodent Control. MEASURES OF CONTROL BY COUNCIL STAFF

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural.
	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses).	All Other (including Business Premises).	Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	18	6032	1065	7115	51
II. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	4	70	21	95	4
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common rat	—	—	—	—	—
House mouse	4	53	14	71	—
	—	—	—	—	—
	—	10	4	15	—
III. Number of infested properties (treated by the local authority) ...	4	63	19	86	—

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

A part-time operator is not now employed upon this work. The small number of cases requiring treatment are usually carried out by the public health inspectors. Fumigants of various types are used as considered appropriate to the particular premises and infestation being treated. Cockroach infestations are the only insects which caused any concern during the year, upon two housing estates, one of pre-war and one of post-war construction. Inspections have shown increasing infestations and in consequence the services of a specialist firm have been used to treat one hundred and ninety-three houses in the post-war estate for cockroach infestations and another survey is in progress upon the pre-war estate with a view to similar treatments.

Owing to the lack of interest by the food traders, the Council has ceased the free service of insecticidal spraying of food preparation rooms.

Meat and Other Foods Inspections:

The following tabular statement gives the amount of carcase meat and offal condemned during the year, also the numbers of animals slaughtered at the three slaughterhouses in the district. It will be noted that there is a reduction varying from 10% to 50% in the numbers of certain classes of animals slaughtered, the only increase is approximately 15% in the pigs slaughtered.

SLAUGHTERING, 1965.

Month.			Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
January...	...	...	180	93	8	1,173	316
February	...	...	171	67	5	756	381
March ...	...	...	190	70	10	655	394
April ...	...	...	249	42	9	729	337
May ...	...	...	256	46	4	869	303
June ...	...	...	219	26	1	766	284
July ...	...	...	167	41	1	851	274
August ...	...	...	194	32	5	940	291
September	...	...	195	55	2	974	422
October	...	...	191	70	5	1,171	383
November	...	...	211	67	5	1,033	356
December	...	...	188	62	8	840	533
Totals	...	...	2,411	671	63	10,757	4,274

The number of carcasses examined has decreased from 18,547 in 1964, to 18,176 during the year covered by this report.

Comparative Statistics.**Pre-War and Post Control Slaughtering.**

Year.		Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total Animals.
1937 ...	...	784	176	15	450	480	1,905
1938 ...	...	828	240	12	252	420	1,752
July-December, 1954 (6 months)		509	67	9	1,035	948	2,568
1955 ...	...	1,887	203	43	4,935	2,221	9,289
1956 ...	...	2,742	344	74	7,318	3,087	13,579
1957 ...	...	3,174	526	57	7,213	3,515	14,485
1958 ...	...	3,246	739	23	6,345	3,530	13,883
1959 ...	...	3,367	603	24	9,534	3,134	16,662
1960 ...	...	3,546	478	43	10,193	2,708	16,968
1961 ...	...	3,909	525	45	10,180	3,033	17,692
1962 ...	...	3,594	928	48	12,455	3,223	20,194
1963 ...	...	3,079	1,293	97	10,682	4,158	19,309
1964 ...	...	2,518	1,234	97	11,038	3,660	18,547
1965 ...	...	2,411	671	63	10,757	4,274	18,176

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2,411	671	63	10,757	4,274	—
Number of carcasses inspected ...	2,411	671	63	10,757	4,274	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci : Whole carcasses condemned ...	8	16	8	45	6	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	607	188	2	689	697	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci:	25.5 %	30.4 %	15.8 %	6.8 %	16.5 %	—
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	2	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	22	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.04 %	—	—	—	0.09 %	—
Cysticercosis : Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	12	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	12	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticercosis	0.49 %	—	—	—	—	—

Amount of Carcase meat condemned 16,695 lbs.

Amount of Offal condemned 14,227 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Returns received from the two local knacker yards of animals received into their premises during the year, and slaughtered for other than human consumption, show that these animals were slaughtered upon the owners' premises before removal. Details of these are given below :—

			Horses.		Ponies.	
1965.			Live.	Dead.	Live.	Dead.
January	...	...	—	3	2	6
February	...	...	2	3	9	5
March	...	...	1	4	3	8
April	...	...	1	5	2	6
May	...	...	—	2	—	5
June	...	...	1	5	4	4
July	...	...	—	3	4	3
August	...	...	2	3	10	10
September	...	...	2	2	8	7
October	...	...	4	1	—	3
November	...	...	1	—	5	6
December	...	...	2	3	5	8

Disposal of Unsound Food:

The arrangements made for the disposal of unsound food have continued to be satisfactory; condemned carcase meat is kept upon the detention rail at the slaughterhouse and diseased offal in a lock store until removed by motor vehicle to a large by-product plant at Darlington. Unsound tinned food and packet goods are buried in one of our refuse tips under supervision by the Department

The following tinned and other foods were examined and destroyed during the year:—

25 tins Ham.	25 tins Pork.
12 tins Corned Beef.	2 tins Beef.
8 tins Steak.	5 tins Tongue.
4 tins Chicken.	1 tin Salmon.
1 tin Crab.	6 tins Tuna Fish.
1 tin Shrimps.	1 tin Pilchards.
6 tins Irish Stew.	1 tin Sausage.
1 tin Luncheon Meat.	1 jar Meat Paste.
1 tin Meat Loaf.	37 tins Tomatoes.
12 tins Peas.	6 tins Beans.
2 tins Cabbage.	6 tins Mushrooms.
2 jars Beetroot.	1 tin Carrots.

1 tin Apricots.	1 tin Oranges.
11 tins Raspberries.	4 tins Rhubarb.
4 tins Plums.	17 tins Pears.
9 tins Peaches.	5 tins Grapefruit.
2 tins Fruit Cocktail.	4 tins Milk Pudding.
2 tins Cream.	1 jar Horlicks.
3 tins Soup.	

Food Premises (Miscellaneous).

The number of food premises operating for retail trade in the district, according to our records, is as follows :—

Grocers	...	...	60	Confectioners	...	20
Bakehouses	...	...	4	Cafes	...	4
Butchers	...	...	19	Ice-cream Manufacturers	...	3
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955						77
Premises registered for the preparation of food under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955						18

Food Inspections, Visits and Sampling:

The Durham County Weights and Measures Department is responsible for the taking of formal samples of food and drink in the area.

Three ice-cream manufacturers have continued with the manufacture and sale of their own particular ice-cream mix. In addition, two of these manufacturers are operating mobile soft ice-cream units, the products being sold under well known national names.

Twenty-six informal samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Newcastle upon Tyne. This number is a considerable increase in our usual sampling.

Low grading of various samples necessitated considerable investigation and the re-submission of samples. The causes of these unsatisfactory samples were finally ascertained and rectified.

Four samples of water were also submitted for bacteriological analysis and the reports were satisfactory.

Fish Fryers:

Of the fifteen fried fish shops situated in various parts of the district, four of these are owned by the Council and situated on housing estates. In addition, a coke heated chip van stands daily close to the High Street. No complaints of nuisance from litter from these shops were received during the year. Fish preparation at one shop was shown to be a contributory cause of one sewer chokage with some flooding of dwelling-houses.

The fish shops are situated in the various Wards as shown below:—

Ward.	Street.	No. of premises available.
Spennymoor	Clyde Terrace	2
	Clarence Street	1
	Thomas Street	1
	(mobile van).	
Tudhoe	Attwood Terrace	1
	Tudhoe Moor	1
	Wood Vue	1
	King Street	1
	Tweed Road	1
Low Spennymoor	Coulson Street	1
	Front Street, Merrington Lane	1
Middlestone Moor	Durham Street	1
	Central Drive	1
Byers Green	High Street	2
Kirk Merrington	Chapel Street	1

Factories Act, 1961.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises.	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	30	18	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	31	18	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	1	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	1	—
Total	2	2	—	2	—

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

1. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	4	26	12
Retail shops ...	5	93	—
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	1	4	1
Catering establishments and canteens	—	50	3
Fuel storage depots...	—	3	—

2. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of workplace.	Number of persons employed.
Offices... ..	331
Retail shops	379
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	76
Catering establishments open to the public	170
Canteens	10
Fuel storage depots	15
Total	981
Total Males	428
Total Females	553

3. INSPECTIONS.

Class of workplace	General Inspection.	Revisits	Accident Investigation.
Offices	11	—	—
Retail Shops	—	—	1
Wholesale departments, warehouses	2	—	—
Catering establishments and canteens	4	—	4
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—

4. NOTICES SERVED.

Class of workplace	Informal Notice.	Formal Notice.
Offices	8	—
Retail shops	—	—
Wholesale departments, warehouses	—	—
Catering establishments and canteens	3	—
Fuel storage depots	—	—

5. REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace.	Number reported.		Total number investigated.	Action recommended.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal.		Warning		No action
				Formal.	Informal.	
Offices	—	1	1	—	—	1
Retail shops ...	—	1	1	—	—	1
Wholesale shops	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catering establishments	—	4	4	—	—	4
Fuel storage depots ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Water Supply:

All properties in the district have available piped supplies of water provided by the mains of the Durham County Water Board. The water is from upland gathering grounds and it is bacteriologically satisfactory.

The Board, in collaboration with the Sunderland and South Shields Water Board, are constructing a large reservoir in the Derwent Valley, which is scheduled for completion in 1966. The construction of this reservoir commenced in 1960 at a cost of about £10,000,000. The two authorities will have available an additional 26,000,000 gallons a day with a storage capacity of about 11,000,000,000 gallons. The completion of this scheme should overcome the recurrent water shortages in certain parts of the county during prolonged dry weather.

Regular water sampling is done by the Water Board, and in addition, four samples of water have been submitted by the Department, for bacteriological analysis.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal :

Main and subsidiary sewers are provided in nearly all the built-up areas of the district. North Close, a residential area of about 100 houses and bungalows, is drained to one large and several small cesspools which are emptied by a Council vehicle. The main cesspool has not been extended to cope with additional building of about 30 new houses and bungalows, which has recently been completed. Certain other isolated groups of houses at Barmoor, Old Park Terrace, Byers Green and Locomotive Terrace, Todhills continue to have inadequate or otherwise unsatisfactory means of sewage disposal and in consequence their ashcloset receptacles cannot be converted to the "Water Carriage System". It is expected that the delivery of new sewage plant in 1966 will enable the above-mentioned dry receptacles to be converted.

Slum clearance operations and the provision of new houses has materially reduced the numbers of complaints received of choked drains.

The two sewage disposal plants at Tudhoe Mill and Byers Green continue to deal with the effluent from our area. The village of Kirk Merrington is drained to a pumping station for treatment by the Bishop Auckland U.D.C. Sewage Works at Binchester.

No significant works of sewerage have been carried out during the year. Consulting engineers are preparing to go to tender in 1966 for extensions to the Tudhoe Mill Works and the provision of a special sewer to the new Industrial Estate at Thinford.

A small number of ashclosets have been removed with the modernisation of further Council owned properties in Front Street, Tudhoe Colliery; twenty-six ashclosets still remain in this group of houses which were taken over by the Council for reconditioning.

Clean Air Act, 1956:

The Council continue to take an active interest in Clean Air and its representatives regularly attend and report upon the meetings arranged by the Northumberland and Durham Local Authorities Clean Air Committee.

The types of industry established on the Trading Estates and elsewhere are not heavily smoke producing. Considerable improvements have been made to the initial coal burning heating plant upon the Low Spennymoor Trading Estate, and subsequent extensions of the factories are equipped with oil fired equipment.

The re-organisation of a furniture factory under new management, has created a recurring problem of sawdust and shavings emissions into the adjoining streets and this matter is receiving the urgent attention of the management.

Regular smoke observations are taken of various factory chimneys in the district. No Smoke Control Orders have yet been made by this Council.

Public Cleansing and Salvage:

The whole of the refuse removal and disposal in the district is done by direct labour, with the exception of small areas of the Village of Byers Green which is still cleansed with a hired horse and cart, where a motor vehicle cannot operate economically.

All receptacles in the area receive a weekly collection.

Diesel engined vehicles are used upon the regular refuse and salvage collection work and our spare vehicle is petrol engined.

The year has seen the first phase of the concentration of the Council outside staff and equipment into one depot. Negotiations for the taking over from the Gas Board of the former gas works in Thomas Street, have been completed and with the taking over of the Council Garage at Easter by a displaced wholesale fruit merchant, all our vehicles are now garaged in the open in the Thomas Street Yard. This has led to certain lost time in starting the vehicles, in addition engine and body repairs have become more extensive and frequent. With the final taking over of this year from the Gas Board in December, it is hoped

that early steps will be taken to establish covered accommodation for vehicles and equipment.

The power baling press for waste paper continues to operate in the Clarence Street Yard; this work will be transferred during the year 1966 to Thomas Street.

The Council has completed the part-purchase and part-lease of a large area of poor productive land in an isolated position. This land when drained and fenced should provide refuse tipping facilities for twenty years, with present boundaries and methods of disposal. One "Controlled" refuse tip in the district receives almost the whole of the house refuse in the district, only a small part of the refuse from the Byers Green Village is taken to a "crude" tip near the village. The Council has received Planning Permission to a small extension of our main refuse tip. The land within this new boundary will provide tipping space for another two years. The preparation of the new site is not now so urgent and will be carried out when the land is surrendered by the tenant farmer.

A Bristol Europa tracked shovel/dozer is used in the levelling and covering of our refuse tips and a low loader trailer is used in the transport of this machine between tips.

One "Derby Type" 10 cu. yd. vehicle is used exclusively for salvage collections and trade refuse from the shops and business premises in the district, and daily collections are made from the various sections of the Trading Estate factories. The materials collected is usually of high quality fibreboard and in great demand by the Mills; no collections are made from householders. All domestic waste is taken to the refuse tips and covered.

Negotiations are in progress with Union representatives with the object of operating a Salvage Bonus Scheme, beneficial to the men as well as the Council, in the collection and disposal of household waste paper. This scheme, if approved, could operate from the beginning of the financial year in 1966.

The type of refuse now being collected is becoming lighter and more bulky and the use of larger capacity refuse vehicles is a necessity. the change in the composition of refuse is due to the increasing pre-packaging of foodstuffs, etc. and the gradual elimination of the domestic incinerator (the kitchen solid fuel fire). The high combustibility of the house refuse which we are now collecting, increases the fire risk at the disposal points and is very liable to cause nuisance through wind borne paper. Residential properties are to the leeward of our present refuse tips, therefore the use of adequate screens on the top of the tipping face is a necessity.

During the year the quantities of refuse removed to tips by our lorries and hired cart was estimated upon occasional check weighings as follows:—

3,575 lorry loads with an estimated weight of refuse	6,535 tons.
504 hired cart loads with an estimated weight of refuse	151 tons.
Estimated total weight of refuse	6,686 tons.

Refuse Collection and Disposal Costs, 1965.

The following collection and disposal costs are assumed upon estimated weights of refuse removed, and based upon seasonal weighings of refuse during the year :—

Collection Costs.			£	s.	d.
Net cost per ton, estimated weights	...	...	1	11	8
Net cost per 1,000 properties	...	...	1,763	16	8
Net cost per 1,000 population	...	...	587	18	10
Disposal Costs.			£	s.	d.
Net cost per ton of refuse, estimated	...	...	2	8	
Net cost per 1,000 properties	...	...	146	13	4
Net cost per 1,000 population	...	...	48	17	9

Careful attention to expenditure and with no new vehicles or major equipment purchased, the above figures show an approximate 7% reduction in collection costs and a 40% reduction in disposal costs.

The regular cleansing staff consists of sixteen members, with additional temporary personnel when required to cover annual holidays etc.

The time lost by these members due to sickness and other causes is shown as complete days absence:—

<i>Month.</i>			<i>Sickness.</i>	<i>Holidays.</i>	<i>Absence</i> <i>No Notes.</i>	<i>Total (days)</i>
January	...	...	9	72	—	81
February	...	...	33	—	—	33
March	...	...	17	—	3	20
April	...	...	15	40	—	55
May	...	...	32	1	—	33
June	...	...	23	46	—	69
July	...	...	24	38	—	62
August	...	...	—	51	—	51
September	...	...	2	55	1	58
October	...	...	35	23	—	58
November	...	...	12	10	—	22
December	...	...	8	51	—	59
Total days			210	387	4	601

Time lost from all causes is therefore calculated as 13.5% and from sickness and absences, other than statutory holidays, the percentage is 4.8%.

Salvage:

As previously stated, the only material salvaged from the waste obtained at the various Trading Estate factories is high quality fibreboard, also small quantities from other business and shop premises. Fortunately during the year the Quota imposed by the Board Mills was lifted and we were able to consign an increased quantity of baled waste, with a consequent increase in the income from this source.

The sales and income from salvage are shown below:—

<i>Month.</i>	<i>Materials.</i>		<i>Weight.</i>			<i>Income.</i>		
			<i>tons.</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	£	s.	d.
January	Fibreboard	...	14	10	1	209	16	1
	Mixed Waste	...	7	8	—			
February	Fibreboard	...	13	13	3	140	5	10
March	Fibreboard	...	13	—	2	133	10	1
April	Fibreboard	...	25	16	1	264	11	6
May	Fibreboard	...	13	10	2	138	12	8

<i>Month.</i>	<i>Materials.</i>		<i>Weight.</i>			<i>Income.</i>		
			<i>tons.</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
June	Fibreboard	...	13	1	—	133	17	9
July	Fibreboard	...	19	12	—	200	18	0
August	Fibreboard	...	6	2	1	126	12	9
	Mixed Waste	...	7	6	1			
September	Fibreboard	...	13	14	3	187	8	0
	Mixed Waste	...	5	6	2			
October	Fibreboard	...	21	14	1	222	11	1
November	Fibreboard	...	19	6	2	203	4	1
December	Fibreboard	...	6	7	2	65	6	10
			200	10	1	£2,026	14	8

Income:

Our income from paper sales is considerably higher than the previous year. Comparative sales of paper and trade refuse charges are tabulated for the last eight years as below:—

Year.	Paper Collections.		Sales.			Trade			Total		
	Tonnage.					Refuse.	Charges.	Cleansing	Income.		
	tons.	cwts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1958	171	14	1,302	12	0	127	0	0	1,429	12	0
1959	149	4	1,155	11	2	245	12	5	1,401	3	7
1960	124	1	981	0	10	221	7	4	1,202	8	2
1961	142	1	1,134	4	6	234	10	5	1,368	14	11
1962	158	8	1,312	10	6	230	0	0	1,542	10	6
1963	179	6	1,393	15	8	252	5	0	1,646	0	8
1964	161	7	1,436	15	0	230	14	10	1,667	9	10
1965	200	4	2,026	14	8	266	14	6	2,293	9	2
Totals	1286	5	£10,743	4	4	£1,808	4	6	£12,551	8	10

Housing:

During the year under review, the Council's building interests were comparable with the two previous years and seventy-seven new houses were erected and seventy-five occupied. These houses were situated in three Wards, namely, St. Paul's Gardens—the replacement of temporary pre-fabricated bungalows with new traditional type bungalows; York Hill first phase—thirty-two houses were erected and Byers Green Village—work was completed upon fourteen of the eighteen dwellings scheduled to be erected around the new village green.

Work has commenced in the transfer of some tenants from the permanent pre-fabricated bungalows in Lyne Road, Middlestone Moor, to other vacant accommodation, preparatory to the removal of these bungalows and the rebuilding on site with fifty-five factory fabricated bungalows and thirty-five two-storey houses. It is expected that this work will be carried out next year.

Private building has proceeded very slowly during the year, mainly due to the difficulty in obtaining approved building land; the Whitworth Lane site of bungalows and houses, also the Oval Park, Tudhoe Lane, have been completed and occupied. A small number of sites remain in Tudhoe Village and preliminary work has commenced upon the development of a five acre site at Hallgarth, Kirk Merrington, by a Newcastle builder. Negotiations have continued between the County Planning Office and a builder for the extension of an 18 acre site already approved upon the Ox Close Farm to nearly one hundred acres. There has been no development upon the 9.24 acre site at the west side of St. Charle's Road, purchased some years ago by the Council.

A start has been made upon the road works of Phase II of the York Hill site. This will provide for the building of eighty-four two and three bedroomed houses, twenty bungalows, eight single person flats and forty garages.

1965 Rehousing.

Completed new houses and relets enabled the Council to rehouse applicants as shown below:—

Two bedroomed sub-tenants	...	3
Two bedroomed tenants	... ..	71
Three bedroomed sub-tenants	...	2
Three bedroomed tenants	... ..	46
Four bedroomed tenants	... ..	1
Bungalows	... ..	15
Single person flats	... ..	8
Total families rehoused		146

Classification of housing applications etc. during the preceding ten years.

Year	Applicants.				Total.
	General Need.	Bungalow.	Outside District.	Slum Clearance.	
1956	652	172	113	237	1174
1957	741	184	119	218	1262
1958	817	193	126	217	1353
1959	554	173	158	91	976
1960	586	219	180	109	1094
1961	631	244	192	76	1143
1962	576	240	170	185	1171
1963	541	274	203	79	1097
1964	583	246	209	87	1125
1965	538	229	226	58	1051

Council and North Eastern Housing Association Houses available for rehousing:—

Year.	Houses erected.	Relet houses.	Total.
1956	117	82	199
1957	88	19	107
1958	61	138	199
1959	140	179	319
1960	68	124	192
1961	72	115	187
1962	11	146	157
1963	71	237	308
1964	69	158	227
1965	75	71	146

Rehousing of applicants from the Waiting lists and Slum Clearance properties:—

Year.	Applicants.				
	Sub-tenants.	Other General need.	Bungalow.	Slum Clearance.	Total.
1956	20	62	10	107	199
1957	3	51	8	45	107
1958	4	96	22	77	199
1959	6	149	32	132	319
1960	15	113	10	54	192
1961	25	94	23	45	187
1962	18	74	18	47	157
1963	18	146	18	126	308
1964	15	125	17	70	227
1965	5	37	15	89	146

Overcrowding:

The following is a summary of the extent of overcrowding in the various Wards of the district as ascertained from the housing applications remaining upon the waiting lists:—

Ward.	Overcrowded, persons per house.										Totals.
	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	
Spennymoor											
Sub-tenants ...	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Tenants ...	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	5
Tudhoe											
Sub-tenants ...	4	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	—	24
Tenants ...	9	14	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	29
Low Spennymoor											
Sub-tenants ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tenants ...	9	6	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	20
Middlestone Moor											
Sub-tenants ...	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	9
Tenants ...	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
Byers Green											
Sub-tenants ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Tenants ...	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
Kirk Merrington											
Sub-tenants ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tenants ...	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	7

Totals: Sub-tenants 42
Tenants 70

The one hundred and twelve overcrowded cases is equal to 20.8% of the General Need Waiting List applicants within the district as at December, 1965.

This is considered to be a high proportion of overcrowding in the applications received.

The Provision of New Houses.

The pre-war and post-war housing programmes of the Council and the North Eastern Housing Association Ltd. are given below :—

Houses Erected.

Pre-War period 1936-38.

North Eastern Housing Association Ltd.					
erected	...	...	...	...	280 houses.
Urban District Council erected	...	...			74 houses.

Post-war period 1945-65.

North Eastern Housing Association Ltd.					
erected	...	...	...	...	222 houses.

Board of Trade (now owned by the Council) 150 houses.

Urban District Council erected :—

St. Paul's Gardens	...	...	...	61 bungalows.
Park Estate	...	...	...	244 houses.
Middlestone Moor Estate	...	...		635 houses.
George Street Estate	...	...		60 houses.
Tudhoe Moor Estate	...	...	...	188 houses.
York Hill Estate	...	...	...	104 houses.
Kirk Merrington Estate	...	...		57 houses.
Byers Green Estate	...	...	...	150 houses.
Hartley Terrace and Gerard Street	...			16 bungalows.
St. David's Close	...	...	...	32 houses.

1,547 houses.

Council-owned houses	...	...	1,771	
North Eastern Housing Association Ltd., owned	...	...	502	
			<hr/>	2,272 houses.
Deduct prefabricated bungalows scheduled for removal in the next year	72
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				2,200
Add Sundry dwellings owned by the Council				227
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Total effective housing accommodation	...		2,427	<hr/> <hr/>

For the information of the Council, the pre-war and post-war housing programmes are summarised as follows :—

Pre-war period, 1936-38.

Clearance areas	...	...	...	95 houses.
Individually Unfit properties	...		...	36 houses.

Post-war period, 1945-65.

Clearance areas	...	...	...	920 houses.
Individually Unfit properties	...		...	344 houses.

Future Housing Inspections.

Properties to be inspected in the various Wards with a view to possible action under sections 17 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 are summarised as follows :—

Ward.				Properties.	Estimated Population.
Period 1965-74.					
Spennymoor	...	...	...	138	373
Low Spennymoor	...	...	...	278	893
Tudhoe	161	520
Middlestone Moor	114	389
Byers Green	40	140
Kirk Merrington	21	65
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				752	2,380
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Ward.				Properties.	Estimated Population.
Period 1975-80.					
Spennymoor	51	143
Low Spennymoor	93	293
Tudhoe	145	469
Middlestone Moor	28	96
Byers Green	—	—
Kirk Merrington	16	50
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				331	1,051
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Rehousing and the Demolition of Scheduled Properties.

Ward.			Houses Demolished.	Population Increase.	Population Decrease.
Year 1961.					
Spennymoor	...	...	4	33	65
Low Spennymoor	...	...	12	4	59
Tudhoe	...	...	16	57	127
Middlestone Moor	...	...	40	180	24
Byers Green	...	...	5	3	8
Kirk Merrington	...	...	—	14	2
Year 1962.					
Spennymoor	...	...	—	—	15
Low Spennymoor	...	...	35	—	59
Tudhoe	...	...	3	50	—
Middlestone Moor	...	...	—	25	—
Byers Green	...	...	33	—	16
Kirk Merrington	...	...	—	2	—
Year 1963.					
Spennymoor	...	...	3	—	187
Low Spennymoor	...	...	7	—	15
Tudhoe	...	...	14	174	15
Middlestone Moor	...	...	18	54	—
Byers Green	...	...	10	—	11
Kirk Merrington	...	...	—	—	—

Year 1964.

Spennymoor	...	...	62	—	27
Low Spennymoor	...	...	1	—	15
Tudhoe	...	...	54	27	—
Middlestone Moor	...	...	1	23	—
Byers Green	...	...	7	—	8
Kirk Merrington	...	...	—	—	—

Year 1965

Spennymoor	...	...	42	—	16
Low Spennymoor	...	...	3	—	47
Tudhoe	...	...	13	151	—
Middlestone Moor	...	...	4	—	21
Byers Green	...	...	2	—	19
Kirk Merrington	...	...	2	—	5

Tabular Statement of Work done under the Public Health and Housing Act :—

General Repairs.

Total number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action	304
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Public Health Acts.

Number of Informal notices served	316
Number of Formal notices served	12

Housing Act, 1957, sections 16, 17, 18.

Number of Undertakings accepted	...	...	...	—
Number of Closing Orders made	...	...	...	1
Number of Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	14
Number of houses demolished after orders	...	...	...	10

Action during the year.

Unfit houses demolished by the local authority	...	68
Unfit houses demolished by the owners	...	4
Number of families displaced	...	97
Number of persons in these families	...	274

Housing Particulars, Spennymoor District, as amended for 1965

District.	Acreage.	Population 1965	Dwellings.	Occupied Rooms.	Persons per Acre.	Persons. per House.	Persons. per Room.
Spennymoor Ward ...	1,134	4,047	1,451	6,336	3.56	2.77	0.63
Low Spennymoor Ward ...	329	1,445	450	1,772	4.39	3.21	0.8
Tudhoe Ward ...	1,913	7,675	2,373	9,669	4.0	3.23	0.79
Middlestone Moor Ward ...	1,215	3,469	1,015	4,227	2.85	3.41	0.82
Byers Green Ward ...	1,130	1,081	309	1,665	0.95	3.5	0.65
Kirk Merrington Ward ...	1,822	933	301	1,206	0.51	3.09	0.77
Urban District ...	7,543	18,650	5,899	24,875	2.48	3.16	0.75

